

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 10-15, 19, 20, 34, 38 and 42 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

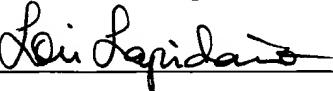
Accordingly, Claim 49 corresponds to allowed Claim 34, while claims 50-55 correspond to allowed Claims 10-15. Claim 56 corresponds to the allowed Claim 19, while Claim 57 corresponds to the allowed Claim 20. Claim 58 corresponds to the allowed Claim 38 and Claim 59 corresponds to the allowed Claim 42.

Since these allowed claims have now been written independently, it is respectfully requested that the present case is allowable and an early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that you contact the undersigned attorney at the listed phone number.

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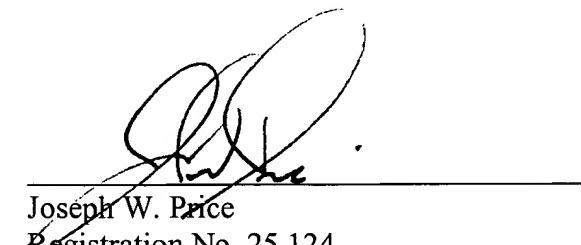


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Very truly yours,

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